

DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

I. MINUTES

1. Approval of Director's Minutes of March 13, 2017, Roy Christensen.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

1. Week of March 6th Hearings/City of Lincoln Positions - LB 641, 270, 557, 570, 576, 364, 441 and 510.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Applicants Sought for Library Board Vacancy.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Open House set for 14th and Old Cheney Improvement Project.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1. Department Report February, 2017
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Broad of Health February 14, 2017

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Railroad Transportation Safety District - Christensen, Lamm, Raybould
2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee - Christensen
3. Information Services Policy Committee - Raybould
4. Joint Budget Committee- Lamm
5. Public Building Commission - Raybould
6. Citizens Meeting Report- Lamm
7. Planning Commission Action
8. Multicultural Advisory Committee - Eskridge

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE

1. Paul Freeman regarding water bill for 7700 Garland Street.
2. Bill Slaughter regarding claim against city for car damage.

X. PRE-COUNCIL SCHEDULE for March 27, 2017

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Neighborworks and the Near South Neighborhood Association -
Accessory Dwelling Units, March 28, 2017; 6:30 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
(Park and enter on the east side of the church)

See Invitation list for additional info.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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From: Molly L. Burton
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 1:14 PM
To: Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Jon Camp; Trenton J. Fellers; Carl B. Eskridge; Cyndi Lamm; Jane Raybould
Cc: Denise K. Pearce
Subject: Week of March 6th Hearings/City of Lincoln Positions
Attachments: LB 641 Letter, BioScience Innovation Program (Lang), 3-6-17.pdf; LB 270 Letter, ELO Funding (Johnson), 3.6.17.pdf; LB 557 Letter, Incentives (Mayor), 3.8.17.pdf; LB 570, Property Taxes (Kauffman), 3.9.17.pdf; LB 576 Letter, Property Tax (Kauffman), 3.9.17.pdf; LB364.pdf; LB441.pdf; LB510.pdf

Good afternoon Councilmembers,

Last week, the City of Lincoln weighed in on the following bills:

- LB 641: Senator Morfeld's bill would direct the Department of Economic Development to establish a Bioscience Innovation Program under the Business Innovation Act. Bruce Bohrer with the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce testified for the Chamber as well as the City. Bruce also submitted the attached letter of support from Economic Development Coordinator Mike Lang.
- LB 270: Senator Kolowski's bill would appropriate \$750,000/year to the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program. We anticipate that the city-wide Community Learning Center (CLC) initiative would benefit from this program. Attached is a letter of support from Parks and Recreation Department Director Lynn Johnson.
- LB 557: Senator Harr's bill proposes the Great Opportunities Act, a modernized business incentive program designed to replace the Nebraska Advantage Act. Attached is Mayor's letter of support.
- LB 570: Senator Friesen's bill would exempt all tangible personal property from property tax starting on 1.1.9 which would reduce the City's revenues by almost \$2.5 million. Attached is Finance Director Brandon Kauffman's letter of opposition.
- LB 576: Senator Brewer's bill would "cap" a citizen's property tax bill for a two-year period. Attached is Finance Director Brandon Kauffman's letter of opposition.
- LB 364: This bill updates the Professional Landscape Architect Act. Attached is a letter of support from Lynn Johnson.
- LB 441: Senator Morfeld's bill would expand eligibility of Nebraska Medicaid. Attached is a letter of support from Mayor Beutler.
- LB 510: Senator Ebke's bill would limit political subdivisions on the use of installment contracts. Attached is Mayor Beutler's opposition testimony.

Please let us know if we can provide you with additional information.

Thanks!

Molly Burton
Mayoral Aide
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MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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March 6, 2017

Senator Brett Lindstrom, Chair
Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee
District 18, State Capitol
PO Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: LB 641

Dear Senator Lindstrom and Members of the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee:

I write today in support of LB 641, which the Committee is considering this afternoon.

Small businesses are often referred to as the heart and soul of a community. Over the last several years, economic development stakeholders in the City of Lincoln have focused on building a robust entrepreneurial eco-system. An over-arching goal is to create a national identity as a location where start-up and small businesses can be successful.

We all recognize that Nebraska is an agricultural-based economy. Bio-sciences in particular can be directly linked to agriculture, and it makes sense to structure incentive programs in an effort to encourage the development of new technologies beneficial to our State.

Having the financial resources available to support innovation is a critical part of the equation. The Bio-science Innovation Cash Fund will not only assist existing business endeavors, but also potentially influence our ability to attract new high-tech businesses that generate significant economic activity.

Like any Nebraska community, we strive to create opportunity for our residents, and developing a competitive edge is instrumental to our collective success. While we acknowledge there may be on-going concerns about the costs of incentive program(s), we believe the positive fiscal impacts associated with economic development-related activities and projects outweigh the costs of having these programs available to businesses not only in Lincoln, but throughout the State as well.

Thank you for your consideration. I urge the Committee to advance LB 641 to General File, and I would be happy to answer any follow up questions the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Lang".

Mike Lang, Economic Development Aide
City of Lincoln

Cc Senator Adam Morfeld
Lincoln-Lancaster County Delegation
Denise Pearce, Mayor's Office
Eric Gerrard, City Lobbyist

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LINCOLN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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March 6, 2017

Senator John Stinner, Chair
Appropriations Committee
District 48, State Capitol
Room 1004
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: LB 270

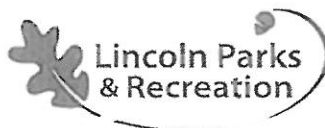
Dear Senator Stinner and Members of the Committee:

I write today in support of LB 270. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the bill, and thank you, also, to Senator Kolowski for continuing this important legislative discussion regarding high quality Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELOs).

LB 270 makes grant funding available to organizations that provide ELOs to our most vulnerable students. Here in Lincoln, we have developed a nationally-recognized model for the delivery of such opportunities—the Community Learning Center (CLC) initiative. The school district, our non-profit community, private donors, and the City have joined together to fund and operate CLC sites at eighteen elementary schools, as well as six middle schools and one high school.

The City of Lincoln's Parks and Recreation Department is at six different locations that serve a high concentration of students from low-income families. Our students need high quality ELOs that are aligned and connected to the school day to support their academic success. As the lead agency, we work to balance the academic support with student interests and enrichment opportunities. Our students also need access to enriching opportunities that they might not otherwise experience such as sportsmanship, sports skills, games and play, arts and crafts, nature exploration, cultural celebrations, stories, music, songs, and social skill development. The cost of these services can become a barrier for so many, and LB 270's additional funding can help ensure these important services remain accessible to all.

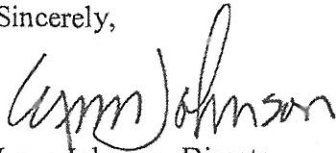
With the Parks and Recreation-delivered CLC programs, one of our struggles is the training and retention of staff. Services that have an impact are best delivered by highly trained and motivated staff who are paid a competitive wage as we continue to strive to raise the bar on quality.



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Thank you, again, to Senator Kolowski for introducing this important legislation, and we urge the committee to advance LB 270 to General File.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lynn Johnson, Director
Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department

Cc: Senator Kolowski
Lincoln-Lancaster County Delegation
Denise Pearce, Mayor's Office
Eric Gerrard, City Lobbyist
John Neal, LPS



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March 8, 2017

Senator Jim Smith, Chair
Revenue Committee
District 14, State Capitol
PO Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: LB 557

Dear Senator Smith and Members of the Revenue Committee.

I write today in support of LB 557, which the Committee is considering this afternoon.

The Nebraska Advantage Incentive Program (LB312) has played an integral role in our ability to attract investment and job creation projects. While the program has been modified over the years in an effort to meet the needs of the business community, specifically target industry groups, I believe now is the time to reform Nebraska's primary business incentive program.

Nebraska Advantage has been implemented for well over a decade, and there is consensus among the business community and economic development stakeholders that structural and procedural changes are needed to be made to make our incentive program not only competitive, but also more business friendly. LB557, known as the Great Opportunities Nebraska Act, includes revisions that would accelerate growth in our economic base.

Like any Nebraska community, we strive to create opportunity for our residents, and developing a competitive edge is instrumental to our collective success. While we acknowledge there may be on-going concerns about the fiscal impacts of incentive program(s), LB 557 illustrates the need to tailor incentive programs that increase our ability to attract economic development projects not only in Lincoln, but throughout the State as well.

Sincerely, .

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Beutler", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln

Cc Senator Burke Harr
Lincoln-Lancaster County Delegation
Denise Pearce, Mayor's Office
Eric Gerrard, City Lobbyist

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March 9, 2017

Senator Jim Smith, Chair
Revenue Committee
District 14, State Capitol
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509-4604

Re: LB 570

Dear Senator Smith and Members of the Revenue Committee:

I write today in opposition to LB 570. By exempting all tangible personal property tax, this bill would reduce the total valuations of the City of Lincoln by 3.94%. We estimate this will reduce the amount of revenue collected by almost \$2,500,000.

The City of Lincoln strives to maintain fiscally responsible budgeting practices in order to maintain a stable tax policy. However, removing personal property from the tax rolls would make it difficult to maintain the current level of services in an environment with continual fiscal pressure due to rising costs and expanded service areas.

The City of Lincoln currently levies approximately \$63 million in property taxes, and these revenues support a wide array of services, including police, fire/emergency response, parks and recreation facilities and programs, and libraries. These core services are valued and expected by the constituents we serve. Removing personal property from the tax rolls will jeopardize the City's ability to maintain these core services at our current tax levy of 33.366¢ per hundred dollars of valuation.

I recently moved to Lincoln from the State of Kansas. Kansas conducted a similar experiment in order to encourage the location of new businesses and industries in the state as well as to encourage the retention and expansion of existing businesses and industries. Ken Kriz, a regent's professor at Wichita State, conducted an analysis of the impact of removing personal property from the tax rolls. Mr. Kriz concluded that the policy did not appear to impact attraction of new business.

In effect, the policy would shift the tax burden from personal property to agriculture lands, residential and commercial rooftops, in the absence of significant cuts by state and local governments. In that regard, it is important to remember that over the past decade,

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municipalities have often struggled to cut, reorganize and restructure their way to balanced budgets. During that time frame, the City of Lincoln has cut 100 positions. We have had to eliminate Aging Partners programs, cut library hours, close pools, and end youth team sport programs. Each year, we work to find innovative ways to do more and more with less and less. LB 570 will either result in additional, draconian cuts—or result in additional reliance on the real property tax to replace lost revenue.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to not advance LB 570 to General File. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and I would be happy to answer any follow up questions the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Kauffman", with a stylized, cursive script.

Brandon Kauffman
Director of Finance, City of Lincoln

Cc: Senator Friesen
Lincoln-Lancaster County Delegation
Eric Gerrard, City Lobbyist
Denise Pearce, Mayor's Office



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March 9, 2017

Senator Jim Smith, Chair
Revenue Committee
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Re: LB 576

Dear Senator Smith and Members of the Revenue Committee:

I write today in opposition to LB 576. Although LB 576's intent may be simple, it has broad, far ranging consequences for local governments and leaves many questions unanswered from a technical perspective.

With respect to technical concerns, a number of different political subdivisions have the authority to levy property taxes. The bill does not specify how these various taxing entities are to coordinate to ensure "an owner's property tax bill for 2017 and 2018 shall not exceed such owner's property tax bill for 2016." Nor does the bill provide a mechanism for resolving disputes if a particular taxing entity refuses to cooperate with others in satisfying this statutory directive. In addition, LB 576 fails to account for voter-approved bond issues, as it does not address whether such bond issues are a legal means of increasing an owner's property tax bill during the two years at issue. These are only a few of the many technical concerns the Finance Department has identified in its initial review.

This bill will also have a significant impact on the revenues available to local governments. Here in Lincoln, the City strives to maintain fiscally responsible budgeting practices in order to maintain a stable tax policy. However, limiting future years' property tax bills to 2016 levels would almost certainly require dramatic service cuts in an environment with continual fiscal pressure due to rising costs and expanded service areas.

The City of Lincoln currently collects approximately \$63 million in property tax revenue annually, and this revenue supports a wide array of core services, including police, fire/emergency response, parks and recreation facilities and programs, and libraries. Limiting property tax revenue will jeopardize the City's ability to continue providing the level of service our constituents value—and expect.

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It is important to remember that over the past decade, municipalities have often struggled to cut, reorganize and restructure their way to balanced budgets. During that timeframe, the City of Lincoln has cut 100 positions. We have had to eliminate Aging Partners programs, cut library hours, close pools, and end youth team sport programs. Each year, we work to find innovative ways to do more and more with less and less. LB 576 will likely lead to additional, draconian cuts.

In the absence of significant cuts, LB 576 would essentially shift the tax burden from property tax to sales tax, occupation tax, motor vehicle tax, highway allocation tax and other sources of revenue that are already limited to increases of 2.5% under the state restricted funds lid. Limitations on the City's ability to utilize these revenue tools may result in drawing down existing balances, reducing the City's ability to save for upcoming expenses and react to unforeseen circumstances. These limitations may also encourage cities to incur more debt to fund critical needs, and potentially increase the cost of borrowing.

For these reasons, we respectfully oppose LB 576 and urge the Committee to not advance the bill to General File. Thank you for this opportunity to comment, and I would be happy to answer any follow up questions the Committee may have.

Sincerely,



Brandon Kauffman
Director of Finance
City of Lincoln

Cc: Senator Brewer
Lincoln-Lancaster County Delegation
Eric Gerrard, City Lobbyist
Denise Pearce, Mayor's Office



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March 7, 2017

Senator Murante, Chair
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
District 49, State Capitol
Room 1423, P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: LB 364

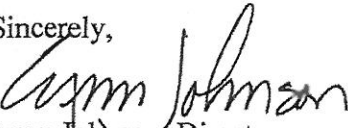
Dear Senator Murante and Members of the Committee:

I write today in support of LB 364, which would revise the Professional Landscape Architects Act. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

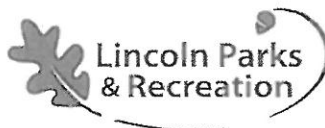
Landscape Architecture is an important profession that lends knowledge and experience to support the protection of health, safety and welfare in the design of outdoor spaces. The City of Lincoln frequently contracts with Landscape Architects on projects for public spaces. We appreciate the work that representatives of the Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects have done to strengthen this proposed legislation as it relates to the work of allied professionals in the field of planning and natural resources management.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to comment in support of this bill.

Sincerely,


Lynn Johnson, Director
Parks & Recreation

cc: Senator Walz
Lincoln-Lancaster County Delegation
Eric Gerrard – City of Lincoln Lobbyist
Molly Burton, Denise Pearce – Mayor's Office
Eileen Bergt, Dennis Bryers – Nebraska Board of Landscape Architects
John Royster – Great Plains Chapter Trustee, ASLA



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March 8, 2017

Senator Merv Riepe, Chairperson
Health and Human Services Committee
District 12
State Capitol, Room #1402
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

RE: Support of LB 441

Dear Senator Riepe and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Lincoln, I am writing in strong support of LB 441 to expand health care access to hard-working, low-income citizens of Nebraska.

Approximately 27,000 people ages 18-64 in Lancaster County do not have health insurance. The majority are low-income, who would qualify for coverage through LB 441. Medicaid expansion would provide medical homes to low-income, uninsured people who seek care in emergency departments as their only option. Medical homes have been shown to counteract the negative impact of poor economic conditions on health and are associated with a reduced use of inappropriate visits to emergency departments. By passing LB 441, we could improve the health of our citizens while strengthening the financial viability of our overall health care system. Additionally, LB 441 requires the state to provide full Medicaid benefits which would include treatment for the mentally ill and for those suffering from addiction so that they can become healthy, sober and employed. As such, Medicaid expansion is a critical tool in helping our citizens effectively address the substance abuse epidemic and mental health crises in our communities.

Accepting federal funds to expand Medicaid has been shown to reduce pressure on state and municipal budgets and to stimulate the economy by saving and creating thousands of jobs in the health care sector. Without expansion, Nebraska taxpayers are paying for the care and solidity of health care systems in other states, while rejecting those same benefits for our own citizens and health care industries. Respectfully, our state does not apply the same standard by rejecting federal funds for roads, Medicare and economic development. Medicaid expansion in thirty one states and the District of Columbia has had bipartisan support, as state legislators are realizing the important benefits to their constituents and state economy.

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I urge you to advance LB 441 to the full Legislature for debate.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I would be happy to answer any follow-up questions the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

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Chris Beutler
Mayor of Lincoln

Cc: Senator Adam Morfeld
Lancaster County Senators
Molly Burton, City of Lincoln
Eric Gerrard, City of Lincoln

LB 510 Hearing (COPS)
Appropriations Committee
3.8.17/State Capitol

Good afternoon, Senator Murante and members of the Committee. My name is Chris Beutler, and I am the Mayor of Lincoln. I am here to testify in opposition to LB 510. This legislation would severely and arbitrarily curtail installment contracts and negatively impact our ability to effectively meet Lincoln's needs. I am also authorized to testify in opposition for the Lancaster Board of Commissioners and I have provided the Committee with the board's letter of opposition.

Lincoln has utilized lease-purchase agreements and certificates of participation or COPs, which is a form of a lease-purchase agreement, to finance essential real and personal property. Nebraska statutes specifically allow Lincoln to use this financing. In fact, the Legislature in 2006 expanded Lincoln's authority by adding the purchase of real property as an approved use.

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Primarily we have utilized COPs to finance our lease-purchase activities. The benefit of using COPs is the ability to finance the cost of the property at the lowest possible interest rate. We are able to leverage our AAA bond rating and obtain financing that is not available with any other financing method. Unlike general obligation bonds, owners of COPs hold a legal interest in the property purchased until the bond is paid off.

Bondholders, however, purchase Lincoln's COPs based on Lincoln's credit rating, not because of the property interest.

As of the date of our last audit, this type of financing represented only about 8 percent of all outstanding governmental debt. The City evaluates certain debt ratios prior to each COPs issuance. Debt per capita is the ratio that indicates the per capita debt burden and is a general indicator of the City's debt burden. As you can see from the chart I handed out, Lincoln's debt per capita ratio, excluding the WHJPA debt, has been steadily declining since 2007.

Debt service as a percent of general governmental expenditures indicates the City's ability to repay debt without hampering other City services. Again, Lincoln is in good shape with a debt service of only 12%; a percentage considered strong by the S&P. Finally, the City's debt is less than 1% of the City's total valuation which is another indicator the S&P considers very strong. Lincoln's judicious use of available financing tools is why rating agencies have given us a AAA bond rating. Corresponding low interest rates would not happen if the rating agencies believed our debt burden was too high. Clearly, it is not.

By the end of the current fiscal year, Lincoln will have approximately \$38 million of COPs outstanding. The \$25 million limitation in LB 510 would prohibit Lincoln from using this financing method for several years until our outstanding debt dropped below \$25 million. I checked with our financial advisor who confirmed that bond agencies negatively consider limitations on financial flexibility. Make no mistake, LB 510 limits our financial flexibility by making financing more expensive.

Lincoln has used COPs for a variety of projects including the financing of street lights, fire trucks, automated defibrillators, and sidewalks. Safe streets and sidewalks and public safety apparatus that is reliable and equipped to provide necessary life-saving care are essential to meet the basic needs of our community. These uses are in amounts less than what would be cost effective for a General Obligation bond. For example, a special election could cost as much as \$100,000 and a ballot question as much as \$30,000.

Again, high bond ratings produce the lowest available interest rates; rates that are often times lower than inflation rates on equipment. The City saves the taxpayers money by issuing the COPs now instead of waiting 10 years to accumulate the cash for the fire apparatus, for example. An apparatus, by the way, that needs to be in service now, not 10 years from now.

Additionally, short-term borrowing helps create intergenerational equity by ensuring that both present and future beneficiaries pay for the asset.

This bill is a one size fits all solution to a problem that does not exist, but problems will be created if it passes. LB 510 will have a negative financial impact on Lincoln and would severely limit our ability to provide cost-effective services and meet the needs of the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am happy to answer questions.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 15, 2017

MEDIA CONTACT: Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8510

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY

Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) is accepting applications until Monday, April 10, to fill a vacancy on the Lincoln City Libraries Board of Trustees. Members of the seven-member board are appointed by the Lincoln City Council and serve through August 31, 2021. The board will review the applications and forward all information with any recommendations to the City Council.

Applicants must be Lincoln residents and must attend monthly board meetings and committee meetings as scheduled. Candidates must send a letter of interest and a Board Appointment Information form to library@lincolnlibraries.org or to "Candidate Search," Lincoln City Libraries, 136 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508.

The Board Appointment Information form is available at lincolnlibraries.org or by contacting LCL at 402-441-8512.

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First paragraph should read: “Members of the seven-member board are appointed by the Lincoln City Council and the appointee would serve through August 31, 2021.”

The incorrect version read: Members of the seven-member board are appointed by the Lincoln City Council and serve through August 31, 2021.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 16, 2017

MEDIA CONTACT: Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8510

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services Division, 949 West Bond Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 15, 2017

MEDIA CONTACT: Thomas Shafer, Engineering Services, 402-525-5644,
tshafer@lincoln.ne.gov

**OPEN HOUSE SET FOR 14TH AND OLD CHENEY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The public is invited to an open house Thursday, March 23 on the 14th and Old Cheney Intersection Improvement Project. The event will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the commons area of Southwest High School, 7001 S 14th St. The public may park in the main lot and use the front entrance. No formal presentations are planned.

The intersection currently handles nearly 38,000 cars daily, and by 2040, traffic is projected to increase 55 percent to 59,000 cars. The planned improvements would create an elevated roundabout over a T-intersection. Project Manager Erin Sokolik of the City Public Works and Utilities Department said the design of the intersection has been refined to reduce impacts to the area and be more efficient.

Community members will be able to review the refined concept, provide comments and view traffic animation demonstrating how to navigate the intersection. City representatives and project consultants will be available to discuss the public's ideas and answer questions. The project is in the final design phase, and construction is tentatively scheduled to start in 2019.

For more information about the project, visit 14tholdcheney.com or lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

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DEPARTMENT REPORT FEBRUARY, 2017

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The Health Director continues to coordinate state legislative activities for the Department and the Mayor's Office. The Mayor's Office Legislative Review Team meets weekly during the legislative session. She also continues to meet with the Friends of Public Health regarding legislative issues.

The Health Director attended the Lancaster County Mid-Year Budget Retreat on February 2, 2017.

The Health Director and Community Health Services Division Manager are meeting with Lancaster County officials regarding the General Assistance Program.

The Health Director presented at the University of Nebraska Medical Center Grand Rounds on February 15, 2017.

The Health Director attended the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees Meeting and also participated in a site visit at the Mental Health Association. The Mental Health Association receives funding from the Community Health Endowment.

The Health Director attended the Tabitha Foundation Board of Director's Meeting.

The Health Director and Health Promotion Data & Evaluation Manager continue final preparations for the upcoming site visit by the Public Health Accreditation Board in April.

February Employees of the Month – The Interpreter Team – Community Health Services Division - Zainab Al-Baaj, Burda Hatem, Adil Khalaf, He Wah Luther San Bam, Hayder Murad, Shahnaz Osso, Zahraa Rida and Rosalinda Vega

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control participated in the 2017 Dog Expo at the Lancaster Event Center on February 25-26, 2017. Over 70 vendors provided educational materials and services for a wide variety of pet owners. Animal Control handed out information on dog licensing; spay/neuter assistance and many other topics. The Expo is a good opportunity to interact with several hundred pet owners during the 2-day event.

Staff are in the process of hiring a full time Animal Control Officer I and a full time Dispatcher.

Staff met with the Animal Control Director for the Nebraska Humane Society. The purpose of the meeting was to review the recent training done with our AC officers and five Officers from the NE Humane Society. Staff also discussed some the challenges that both agencies experience, bats, barking dogs and dangerous dogs.

The Animal Control Dispatchers have been doing a good job learning the new Chameleon system. We have had three training sessions with the Capital Humane Society regarding licensing and impounded animals. We are about three months into using the new system and many of the “bugs” are being worked out. One area for further development is the reporting component of Chameleon. Animal Control staff and staff from IFM are working to produce the kinds of reports that we have traditionally reported to the Board of Health, on the Animal Control website and our animal report. Some of the reports will look a little different in the future.

Officers and Dispatchers have seen an increase in calls with the nicer and warmer weather. This has been particularly true for barking dog complaints. We are currently averaging 7-10 barking dog complaints per week.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training

In January and February, all CHS staff completed “Darkness to Light” training presented by Christy Prang, Training and Prevention Director from Small Voices, our local Child Advocacy Center. Staff learned about prevalence, recognizing risk, short and long term effects, ways to minimize the opportunity for abuse to occur, and how to act responsibly when abuse is disclosed, we discover it ourselves or when we have reason to suspect it. The prevalence of child sexual abuse is difficult to determine because, often, it is not reported. Experts agree that the incidents is far greater than what is reported to authorities. It is estimated that 1 in 10 children experience child sexual abuse before their 18th birthday.

Some CHS clinical and home visiting staff also attended additional training related to male victims and children with disabilities who are sexually abused. The trainings were hosted by Small Voices.

Medication & Medical Home Connection For Recently Released

This month, the Diabetes Supports for the Poor & Uninsured and the Local Health Insurance Marketplace groups invited state and Lancaster County Corrections and local re-entry programs to discuss the medication and medical home needs of people who are recently released from corrections. Corrections leaders in the meeting discussed the average length of stay, probation and parole, re-entry options they work with, and prescriptions given upon release. Prescription processes differ between state and county corrections. Clinical leaders in the meeting discussed challenges in treating this population such as no show appointments, people waiting until their medications run out before contacting a prescriber, avoidable ER and inpatient stays due to lack

of medication access, lack of communication between pharmacies and providers, and inability of patients to pay co-pays for medical visits. Local re-entry program leaders in the meeting discussed the difficulty for those who are recently released in managing their multiple needs; health, housing, occupations, safety, etc. Monthly meetings are planned in order to a systemic way to meet the medication and medical home access needs among the recently released.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

WIC Program

Caseload (Participation)

Total	3996
Main	2959
Cornhusker Clinic	1037
%Enrolled with Benefits	84.36%

	LLCHD	State of Nebraska
Total Women	967 (24.1%)	8565 (22.9%)
Total Children	2129 (53.2%)	19791 (53.1%)
Total Infants	900 (22.5%)	8915 (23.9%)
Infants Receiving Breastmilk	312 (34.6%)	2843 (31.9%)
Infants Exclusive Breastmilk	110 (13.3%)	1066 (12%)

Mentoring:

(Number and school)

Students	
Interns	3 UNL Dietetic Interns
Volunteers	
LMEP Residents	

Our January caseload was 3996 participants. We saw 1037 participants at our satellite Cornhusker Clinic location in the month of January. This is a 16.6% increase in participation at this location in the last year. Our partnership with the LLCHD Dental Program continues as we began another 10 month period where they will provide fluoride varnish applications to our clients at the main clinic location on Tuesdays. This continues to be a very beneficial venture for all parties involved. Exclusive breastfeeding rates at the satellite clinic are the highest they have been since June 2016 (10.2%).

Dental Health

Clinic Services:

- Total number of clients served (unduplicated count): 519
- Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 728
- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 933 **This is a 17.8% increase over January 2016; 8.6% increase for September 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017 when compared to September 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016.**
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic Minorities and White non-English speaking clients (Arabic, Farsi, Kurdish, Russian): 423 (82%)
- Total number of clients with language barriers/need interpreter: 330 (64%)
- Total number of children served: 304 (59%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 414 (80%)
- Number of clients served during Thursday evening hours (unduplicated count): 50
- Number of patient encounters during Thursday evening hours (duplicated client count): 51
- Number of patient visits during Thursday evening hours (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 79
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients (Arabic, Kurdish, Russian): 43 (86%)
- Total number of clients with language barriers/need interpreter: 28 (56%)
- Number of children served during Thursday evening hours: 49 (94%)
- Number of patients enrolled in Medicaid during Thursday evening hours: 42 (84%)

Community Based Dental Outreach Activities:

Fluoride Varnish Program/Screenings: 276

- WIC: 132 children and parents
- Early Head Start (K Street Center): 144

Student Rotation Program:

- 2 dental assisting students from Southeast Community College rotated through the dental clinic.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Program Area: Waste Management

Specific Program: Toxics Reduction: Household Hazardous Materials & Waste Management Program (HHW)

Waste Management Program Goals: Protect human health and the environment by: reducing exposures to hazardous materials; assuring proper management and disposal of hazardous and “special” wastes; preventing hazardous waste from being illegally disposed of in the Bluff Road Landfill; reducing litter; and preventing illness and disease caused by improper waste



management.

This is a very exciting time for the Toxics Reduction program as we work toward completing the construction of the Hazardous Materials Collection Center, located at the 48th Street landfill site.

Methods/Strategies

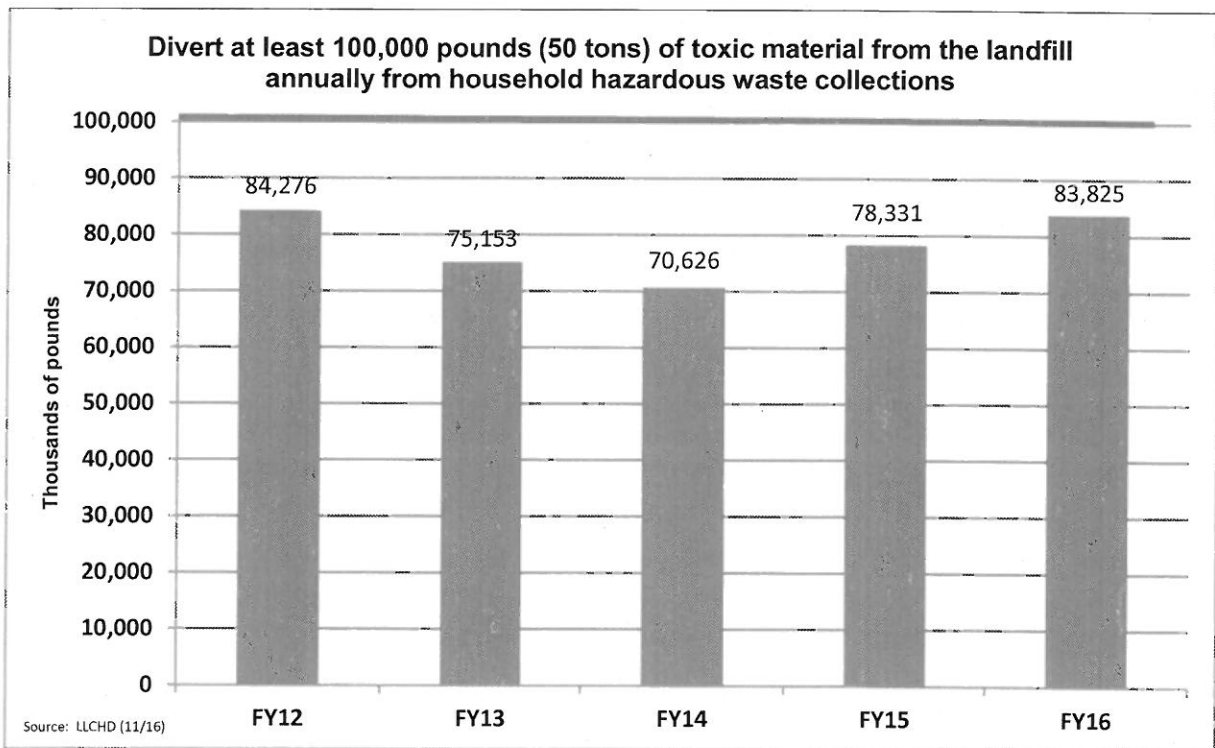
Over the next year, our strategies will include:

- Work with the architect and construction contractors to ensure the new Hazardous Materials Collection Center is substantially completed by May 2017 and constructed within our budget.
- Continue to collect waste while the facility is being constructed, the Health Department, in partnership with our business and community stakeholders, will provide 3 to 4 mobile hazardous waste collections in Lincoln in the spring and summer of 2017, and 1 to 2 in the fall.
- Begin operation of the Hazardous Materials Collection Center in the first quarter of FY18 for 2 days per month for households and quarterly for small businesses, providing year round accessibility. Health will continue to offer mobile collections in south Lincoln and Lancaster County.
- Market the new Hazardous Materials Collection Center and expand our educational focus on toxics materials reduction, making safer choices, and reusing or recycling materials.

- Continue to offer the Safe Homes for Seniors Service – HHW education and management for seniors
- Promote hazardous materials collections via community partners, print material, radio, signage, and media releases
- Collaborate with private and public partners to maintain efficiency and effectiveness
- Evaluate expanding operational hours for the new Hazardous Materials Collection Center and pursue additional grant funding in future years.

Indicator

Diverting at least 100,000 pounds of toxic material from the landfill annually from household hazardous waste collections is one of the Mayor's Environmental Quality Taking Charge Indicators for Preventing Human Exposure to Environmental Hazards.



The Health Department will review the data for this indicator after the new facility has been in operation for one year to determine if changes to the indicator need to be made.

Funding/Source

Waste Hauler Occupation Tax; Grants in Aid

Comparison

	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
Hazardous Waste (lbs)	84,276	78,506	70,626	78,331	83,825
Participants	2,519	2,113	2,303	2,410	2,537

Description

EPH Waste Section staff have been coordinating mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collection events for Lincoln and Lancaster County residents for 31 years.

These mobile collections provide residents with an opportunity to reduce environmental health hazards and risk in their homes by removing the hazardous waste such as pesticides, solvents, oil-based paint, mercury-containing items, and other dangerous household products. Two appointment only collections were held at the N 48th St. landfill site. The long-term impact of ongoing public education/behavior change strategies is less hazardous waste being generated and proper reuse, recycling and disposal of hazardous waste. Combined, these efforts reduce the amount of hazardous waste disposed in our landfill and protect our stormwater system and streams from contamination. The HHW Program is cited as one of the best management practices in the City of Lincoln's Stormwater permit. In FY16, the HHW program required 2.41 FTE; direct program costs were \$426,158 and total cost were \$521,039.



In November 2013, the Lincoln Solid Waste Plan 2040 (SWP2040) Advisory Committee's final recommendations included that the toxics reduction program be expanded and a place to provide year round access to hazardous waste disposal be provided to the community. Such a facility would decrease risk to health and the environment

and increase the safety, availability and convenience of hazardous waste disposal for the public and small businesses. A facility site analysis and community engagement initiative were completed in June of 2015. Since that time, progress has continued to be made in moving toward a permanent hazardous waste facility. An architectural and engineering design was selected for constructing the Hazardous Materials Collection Center in early 2016. Grants were submitted to the Nebraska Environmental Trust in September 2015 (\$300,000), and to the

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality in February 2016 (\$430,000), to help with the costs of construction of the Hazardous Materials Collection Center. The City matched each grant with in-kind and Capital Improvement Project funds that were specifically budgeted for this purpose by the Public Works and Utilities Solid Waste Division and approved by the City Council. Both grants were funded and construction began in the fall of 2016. Staff also submitted a \$100,000 grant to the Nebraska Environmental Trust in the fall of 2016 to fund equipment that will be needed to operate the Hazardous Materials Collection Center. This grant received a good ranking by the NET Board and will likely be funded in April of 2017. Staff also submitted a \$342,870 grant request to NDEQ in February of 2017, which, if funded, will be used to support the following project outcomes:

- 1) \$100,000 for contractual services for hazardous waste transportation and disposal.
- 2) \$75,000 for contractual services for branding/marketing the new Hazardous Materials Collection Center.
- 3) \$84,785 for a full-time Environmental Health Educator to focus on toxics reduction education, public awareness/outreach and behavior change.
- 4) \$15,750 for operating expenses and supplies.
- 5) \$5,000 for required training of LLCHD personnel in order to safely and legally manage hazardous waste and toxics chemicals at the Hazardous Materials Collection Center.

The Hazardous Materials Collection Center is expected to begin operation in the first quarter of FY18 for 2 days per month for households and quarterly for small businesses, providing year round accessibility. Health will continue to offer some mobile collections in south Lincoln and Lancaster County in warmer months.

Partnerships & Efficiencies

Mobile HHW collections are efficient and cost-effective, but provide limited options and public access to dispose of hazardous waste, which points to a clear need for a permanent facility that will provide year round access to hazardous waste disposal for both households and small businesses. Community and corporate partners continue to be a cornerstone to success. Corporate partners included Zoetis, Lincoln Industries, Continental ContiTech Technologies, Union College, and Walmart, who contributed staffing (technical & non-technical), food, promotions and event sites. A growing list of community volunteers from local businesses and agencies like Nebraska Global, Midwest Bank, Lincoln Women of Today, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, Lincoln Electric System, Parks & Recreation, and Keep Lincoln-Lancaster County Beautiful assist with education of participants and traffic control.

Only hazardous waste is accepted, reducing costs and increasing efficiency. Wastes which can be reused, recycled, or managed by local businesses, such as unwanted medications, used oil, lead acid batteries, button batteries, and electronics are not accepted at collections since other community options exist. Staff work with local businesses to help ensure that these items be used, reused, repurposed, recycled and/or disposed of properly. Current strategies for non-hazardous latex paint target changing behavior at point of purchase and promoting latex paint reuse coordinated by EcoStores Nebraska and Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Tapping community recycling and disposal options for certain materials and waste allows program dollars and education to be focused on higher priority wastes that are more dangerous.

EPH also partners with the Aging Partners' Home Handymen Program to offer the "Safe Homes for Seniors service". This free home-based HHW service helps older adult who cannot participate in a typical mobile HHW collection. From corrosive drain cleaners to toxic pesticides, elderly clients often have a lifetime's accumulation of dangerous chemicals. Trained handymen provide assessment, organization, and possible removal of hazardous products. Health-impaired older adults are at greater health risk from exposure to hazardous chemicals. Highly hazardous and larger quantity loads of hazardous wastes are referred to trained LLCHD staff for handling and oversight.



HEALTH PROMOTION, DATA & EVALUATION

Emergency Preparedness

Staff conducted a three hour Active Shooter Table Top Exercise for CHI St. Elizabeth staff. There were 30 participants representing health care and auxiliary services. The exercise was well received with much productive discussion. A complete After Action Report has been completed, reviewed, and provided to the Emergency Response Coordinator at CHI St. Elizabeth.

Chronic Disease Prevention and Minority Health

Staff have facilitated Crusade Against Cancer meetings to plan and implement 2017 colon cancer screening promotion efforts during Colon Cancer Prevention Awareness Month in March. Thirty-three local pharmacies will assist with the distribution of FOBT (fecal occult blood test) kits targeting adults over 50 years old or younger adults at higher risk for colon cancer. Media will include:

- Star City Health insert - March 9th
- Neighborhood Extra – March 4 & 18
- Lincoln Journal Star – daily 31 days
- Marcus Theaters PSA – all theaters/before all movies in the month of March

Dietetic interns (graduate students from UNL completing clinical rotations as a requirement to become registered dietitians) are working with staff and Channel 10 Health to create a series of social media messages addressing "Food Myths". Two of eight messages have been taped and began airing on Channel 10 Health at the end of February (within 3 days, these messages had

been viewed more than 200 times). The remaining six messages will be completed in the next four months.

Media

Staff provided Heart Health Month awareness tips on the Channel 8 noon forum.

The members of the City Wellness Committee and County Wellness Committee hosted an employee wellness fair at the County City Building. An estimated 300 participants were able to visit more than fifty booths of vendors providing a variety of health and wellness information.

Injury Prevention

Staff coordinated a booth at the Home Builders Association of Lincoln, Home and Garden Show to promote the LLCHD sponsored Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County Fire Safe Landlord Trainings (FSLT). Fire and Burn Prevention Task Force members volunteered at the booth in addition to students from the Fire Protection Program at Southeast Community College. Ten landlords registered for the March 30th FSLT. In addition to recruiting landlords, students and other volunteers spent time talking with guests about the importance of escape plans and the installation and use of smoke alarms.

Tobacco Prevention

Lincoln Housing Authority continues to implement smoke-free housing policies in its housing facilities. The following facilities representing 342 units have now become smoke-free: Prairie Crossing, Wood Bridge, Summer Hill.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Fiscal Operations staff and other department staff attended the Spring Procurement Training Provided by Purchasing. The training covered changes in contract requirements for insurance, a vendor evaluation process (for documenting problems with vendors), continued efforts to improve unit price contracts; monitoring use of cell/smart phone plans and process for RFP requirements and scoring.

Information Management Supervisor and Division Manager are interviewing applicants for the vacant System Specialist position that supports Environmental Health and Animal Control.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
February 14, 2017

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 4:03 PM by James Michael Bowers at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Bill Avery, Alan Doster, Katie Garcia, Jackie Miller, Michelle Petersen, Jane Raybould, Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and James Michael Bowers.

Members Absent: Tom Randa, Craig Strong, David Derbin (ex-officio) and Molly Burton (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Scott Holmes, Chris Schroeder, Steve Beal, Andrea Haberman, Gwendy Meginnis, Bernice Afuh, Barb Martinez, Amity Kuzelka, Corrine Jarecke, Jane Bitney, Tim Timmons, Tommy George and Elaine Walsh.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bowers asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the January 10, 2017 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Avery. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

II. PUBLIC SESSION

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Public Health Accreditation Board and the Department's request for accreditation. The Department has been informed that the site visitors will be at the Department on April 20-21, 2017. The Department has been assigned three site visitors and they are reviewing our documentation documents. A mock site visit has been scheduled for March 16, 2017 for staff. She asked Board of Health members to be available April 20th at 1:00 PM to meet with site reviewers. A review for that visit will be held April 11, 2017.

Ms. Halstead stated the 2017 Legislative Session began on January 4, 2017. She highlighted several bills of interest to the Department. They include: LB 333 – Eliminating the State's Disability Program – this would impact General Assistance;

LB 368 – Repeals the Helmet Law; LB 438 – Provides additional funding to local health departments, tobacco programs and increases funding for home visitation; LB 327 – Reduces Adult dental cap from \$1,000 to \$500 per year reduces Medicaid providers payments by 3% and reduces General Fund aid by approximately \$10,000; and LB 441- Provides for Medicaid Expansion in Nebraska.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Lincoln Police Department Call Trends for People with Mental Health Issues

Chief Bliemeister provided an overview of the Lincoln Police Department's involvement with mental health issues/trends in the community. He reviewed the number of mental health incidents dealt with by the Lincoln Police Department in the past two years. He provided information on mental health issues and substance abuse problems and noted violent and property crimes in Lincoln have declined both locally and nationally. He stated that law enforcement is not the solution to mental health issues but the Department is focusing on addressing the crisis. He stated the Department has received extensive training and developed partnerships with the REAL Program, Mental Health Crisis Center, CenterPointe, The Bridge and Bryan Medical Center and other agencies in the community. Staff will continue to work with each of these agencies to help assure mental health issues are addressed in the community.

B. Opioid Issues – Trends in Possession Overdose, Prescription Versus Illegal Use

Capt. Peterson provided information on opioid issues in the community and how the Lincoln Police Department Drug Task Force addresses these issues. He provided numbers on heroin overdoses and narcotics and prescription overdoses in 2015 and 2016. He did state there were three arrests for heroin possession in 2016. Board members asked where/how Lincoln fits in, compared to Louisville, KY, who experienced 52 overdose emergencies in 36 hours or less. He stated Lincoln is not experiencing the same type of epidemic. He noted that in the last 10 years, heroin is cyclically present and has not totally gone away. Heroin and cocaine are the preferred drugs on the east and west coasts and methamphetamine is preferred controlled substance in the Midwest. Ms. Halstead asked whether the Take Back Program with local pharmacies has helped ease the situation. He indicated yes it has helped stabilize the situation. He also stated Lincoln is fortunate to have Lincoln Fire & Rescue and quick response times. LFR can administer overdose medication and this helps lower the overdose rate. Board members thanked Capt. Peterson for the information.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Acceptance of the 69th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

Ms. Halstead presented the 69th Annual Report. The report is available on the Health Department's website and includes messages from Mayor Beutler, Board of Health President, Craig Strong, and Ms. Halstead. The report includes statistical program information for each of the Divisions.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Petersen that the Board of Health accept the 69th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Summary of 2016 Board of Health Accomplishments

Mr. Bowers reviewed the Board of Health Accomplishments for 2016. He stated the accomplishments are required for accreditation purposes and will be filed with Board of Health documents.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Board of Health accept the 2016 Board of Health Accomplishments. Second by Mr. Doster. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll vote.

C. Proposed Revisions to Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations

Mr. Schroeder reviewed the proposed revisions to the Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards. He stated the revisions are needed to correct and clarify definitions and make the regulations consistent with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality regulations.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health approve the revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards and forward them to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners for review and approval. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

D. LB 438 – Tobacco Tax – Consider Letter of Support

Ms. Halstead stated LB 438 would increase the tax on tobacco products and would likely have a financial impact on local health departments. She stated if the legislation is passed, increased funds would go to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to fund local health departments. The overall goal is to increase our efforts to keep children from starting to use tobacco, to help tobacco users quit and to promote the business and housing benefits of tobacco free environments. Dr. Miller stated Nebraska's state tax is low compared to other states and she asked that this information be included in the letter. Dr. Doster also asked that additional explanation be given to show the benefits of tobacco free environments for home visitation programs and pregnant mothers.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health submit a letter of support to the Nebraska Legislature for LB 438 and include information to Senator Howard that the Nebraska state tax is lower compared to other states. Second by Mr. Petersen. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

The Board of Health asked that a letter of support be prepared for LB 441 –

Medicaid Assistance Act. The Health and Human Services Committee hearing is scheduled for March 8, 2017.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – March 14, 2017 at 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Elaine Walsh
Recording Secretary

James Michael Bowers
Vice-President

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

****PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

[COMMISSIONERS BECKIUS, HARRIS, WASHINGTON AND WEBER ABSENT]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 1, 2017. ****APPROVED: 5-0; Beckius, Harris, Washington and Weber absent.****

1. CONSENT AGENDA
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

SPECIAL PERMITS:

- 1.1 Special Permit No. 08033A, to amend special permit to allow for construction of a new deck, on property generally located at 5001 South 56th Street.

****FINAL ACTION****

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated February 28, 2017; 5-0: Beckius, Harris, Washington and Weber absent. Resolution No. PC-01543.

- 1.2 Special Permit No. 17004, to allow for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, on property legally generally located at 2501 West L Street.

****FINAL ACTION****

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated March 1, 2017; 5-0: Beckius, Harris, Washington and Weber absent. Resolution No. PC-01544.

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PRELIMINARY PLAT:

- 1.3 Preliminary Plat No. 17002, to subdivide an acreage into two lots, with a request for a waiver of detention and water quality, on property generally located at South 109th Street and Yankee Hill Road. ****FINAL ACTION****
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated March 1, 2017; 5-0: Beckius, Harris, Washington and Weber absent. Resolution No. PC-01545.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: NONE.**

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action): NONE.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE:

- 4.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 17004, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposed new Cotner & P Street Redevelopment Plan, which would serve as a guide for the redevelopment activities within the redevelopment plan area. The proposed plan area consists of approximately 11.6 acres, more or less, and is roughly located between P and R Streets, and 56th Street to North Cotner Boulevard. The principal proposed project is a 4-story multi-family residential infill development with approximately 153 market-rate residential units, and associated underground and surface parking located on the northwest corner of P Street and North Cotner Boulevard.
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, as set forth in the staff report dated March 2, 2017; 5-0: Beckius, Harris, Washington and Weber absent. Public Hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 1:25 p.m.

Roslen M. Ross

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc - Feedback

Council Office - Feedback

Date : 3/13/2017 3:07:19 PM

Full Name paul freeman

Address 7700 garland street

City Lincoln

Phone 402-202-0748

Email paulfreeman7@gmail.com

Comments Hi, I just received my water bill and noticed that my billed amount jumped significantly. Service fee's and wastewater fee increased roughly \$20. That's a significant jump. Was there a bond passed that explains this ?

IP: 76.84.238.68

Form: <https://lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/feedback.htm>

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Roslen M. Ross

From: Bill Slaughter <moviebill52@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: My claim against the city for car damage

Dear Council,

I am advised by the City Attorney's office that you will consider a claim I have made against the city of Lincoln for damage done to my car by a loose traffic barrier that blew into my car. My letter from Ms. Elliott states that the city is not responsible but the subcontractor is. Well, I had contacted Trafcon first and they have totally ignored my request. I had no response from them. I hope you will seriously consider my claim. Someone should be responsible for not securing the barrier on the night in question. It's not like it was a pothole that did the damage. The barrier should have been secured.

Bill Slaughter 2600 S. 58th St. #4 Lincoln, NE 68506

Roslen M. Ross

Add

From: James Friedman <James.Friedman@rhf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 2:27 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Meeting on Accessory Dwelling Units

Dear Members of the City Council:

Neighborworks and the Near South Neighborhood Association have extended an invitation to all Lincoln neighborhoods to attend an open meeting, in order that we might learn more about "Accessory Dwelling Units," and how those kinds of structures might prompt changes in our local codes and zoning laws.

Representatives from the City Planning Department will make a presentation on the topic, followed by opportunities for questions. We welcome your attendance at this gathering, as we believe neighborhood input is critical as ADU in-fill is considered.

When: Tuesday, March 28, 2017; 6:30 p.m.

***Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall
(park and enter on the east side of the church)**

Thank you. We hope you are able to join us.

Jim Friedman
President, Near South Neighborhood Association

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